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In Reply Please Mention

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Wilshire Medical Laboratories

2016 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

The qualifications and abilities of your personnel have been brought to my attention. Dr. Leighton Cornman, your Medical Director and Roentgenologist, has an exceptionally fine and valuable background in his specialty. The publications of which L. M. Hussey, Ph. D., your Technical Director, is the author, bespeak for his great ability as a biochemist and bacteriologist. With Dr. I. Singerman in charge of Electrocardiogram delineation together with the balance of its able staff, the Wilshire Medical Laboratories are thoroughly competent and well qualified to handle any x-ray and clinical laboratory work whatsoever.

The State Compensation Insurance Fund, as a matter of policy, has not directed where the physicians and surgeons to whom it has occasion to refer medical work should refer such x-ray and clinical laboratory work which may be required on its cases and which such doctors may not be equipped to handle personally. However, it certainly would gratify and please me very much if each of such doctors would refer such x-ray and clinical laboratory work as may be required on State Fund cases, which they are unable to perform personally, to the Wilshire Medical Laboratories.

You are at liberty to quote me concerning this expression of my confidence in the work performed by your laboratories.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JOHN C. STIRRAT,  
Manager.

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#### C. M. A. ACTIVITIES: POSTGRADUATE; ANNUAL SESSION; PUBLIC HEALTH EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIRS

**Postgraduate Conferences and Refresher Courses.**—Any activity, if it has not reached its fullest capacity for service, is worthy of repeated mention. That is why the work of the California Medical Association Committee on Postgraduate Activities is so often called to the attention of component county societies. If the California Medical Association seems to have been laggard in this work, it is proper to state that it is only having the experience of many other state medical societies. Physicians everywhere acknowledge the importance of keeping in touch with changing procedures and newer methods in diagnosis and treatment. Their noncoöperation in regard to refresher and after-graduation courses is not due, therefore, to any lack of recognition of the need of such work. The explanation is to be found, rather, in the de-

mands of private practice and patients, that nothing shall interfere with the attendance of the physician if he be within call at a time when indisposition or illness manifests itself.

A limited number of physicians have learned, however, that attendance at follow-up and post- or after-graduation courses is the better policy in the long run, because whatever makes for a better quality of service, also, in time, promotes a larger and a more lucrative clientele. However, the alert physician, no matter what his year or place of graduation, will always, for his own sake, seek to add to his store of professional knowledge so that he may be able, in turn, to give far more efficient service. By so doing, the outlook of a youthful mind is best promoted.

Wherefore, if your county society has not yet appointed a postgraduate committee, you are again urged to sponsor such a movement. The California Medical Association Postgraduate Committee, through the Association Secretary, will be happy to send supplementary information to local committees, and to be of all possible aid in giving publicity to refresher and other programs.

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#### Annual Session: Del Monte, May 4-7, 1942.—

Time flies, and next year's annual session will be at hand, almost before most of us are aware. Members who are in position to submit papers for the program are again reminded to promptly communicate with the proper Section Secretary.\* Physicians who are in position, also, to present scientific exhibits or medical films, are requested to write to the Association Secretary at 450 Sutter, San Francisco, for further information.

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#### Public Health Exhibits at County Fairs.—

In spite of a late start, the effort to present public health exhibits at county fairs was carried through during this first year's endeavor with more success than had been anticipated. Hence, it is gratifying to know that the members of local committees, under whose auspices some sixteen exhibits were presented, were all favorably impressed with the value of this important publicity medium. In order to make possible a presentation of this activity on a much larger scale at next year's fairs, every county society is urged to promptly appoint its committees; for the California Medical Association Committee on Public Health Education will greatly appreciate such coöperation.

**Other State Association and Component County Society News.**—Additional news concerning the activities and work of the California Medical Association and its component county medical societies is printed in this issue, commencing on page 255.

\* Names and addresses of section officers appear on advertising page 6 of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.